

CLAIMS

1. A dispensing device comprising a dispensing box, a roll of a sheet-like packaging material positioned within the box, and a cutting edge;

5 the box comprising a series of sides and a dispensing slot on one of said sides;

the roll including a leading portion which is inserted through the dispensing slot and pulled in a pulling direction (P);

10 the cutting edge being positioned downstream of the dispensing slot relative to the pulling direction (P) whereby the packaging material can be dispensed in a desired length to suit the packaging needs of a particular item and then cut to this desired length by the cutting edge.

2. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sides are rectangular and form a rectangular prism shape.

3. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 2, wherein the sheet material is coiled around a core and wherein the leading portion is remote from the core.

15 4. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sheet material is paper.

5. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the sheet material is newsprint.

20 6. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 5, wherein the sheet material is thirty pound newsprint.

7. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the dimensions of the roll correspond to the dimensions of the box.

8. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 7, wherein the width W of the roll corresponds to the length of certain sides of the box and the diameter D of the roll corresponds to the width and length of other sides of the box.

9. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 8, wherein the width W of the roll is slightly less than the length of the certain sides.

10. A dispensing device as set forth in the claim 9, wherein the width W of the roll is $\frac{1}{2}$ inch less than the length of the certain sides.

11. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the roll includes a hollow core and wherein core-supporting pads are inserted into each end of the core.

10 12. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 11, wherein the pads have mounting portions preferably dimensioned to fit snugly within certain box sides whereby the pads can function as chucks when the roll is inserted into the box.

15 13. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 12, wherein a spacer is positioned between one of the pads and the adjacent side of the box.

14. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 13, wherein the pads are made of plastic.

15. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the cutting edge is positioned adjacent to an edge of the wall having the dispensing slot.

20 16. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 15, wherein the cutting edge is formed from two cutting blades.

17. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 16, wherein the cutting edge is made of plastic.

18. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 17, wherein a handle is provided whereby the dispensing device can be more easily provided/transported than the conventionally used bundles of newsprint sheets.

19. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 18, wherein the handle is mounted on one side of the box.

20. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the box has 12 inch by 9 inch by 9 inch dimensions.

10 21. A dispensing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the box has 24 inch by 9 inch by 9 inch dimensions.

22. A blank for making the box set forth claim 1, the blank comprising a series of panels;

15 wherein the box comprises a first side, a second side, a third side, a fourth side, a fifth side, and a sixth side;

wherein a certain panel forms the first side, a certain panel forms the fourth side, a certain panel forms the second side, and a certain panel forms the third side;

wherein certain panels form the fifth side and certain panels form the sixth side; and

20 wherein panels overlay the second side of the box.

23. A blank as set forth in claim 22, wherein certain panels are connected together by fold lines, other certain panels are connected together by fold lines, and other panels are connected together by double fold lines; wherein certain panels are separated by cut-lines, and wherein certain panels are separated by gaps.

24. A blank as set forth in claim 23, further comprising a closing tab, locking tabs, and connecting tabs;

wherein the closing tab extends outward from the distal edge of the panel forming the first side of the box;

5 wherein the locking tabs extend outward from the lateral edges of the panel forming the first side of the box; and

wherein the connecting tabs extend outward from the distal end of the panel forming the fifth side of the box.

10 25. A blank as set forth in claim 24, wherein a fold line and two notches are positioned between the closing tab and the panel form the first side of the box.

26. A method of wrapping items comprising the steps of:
providing the dispensing device of claim 1,
pulling the leading portion of the roll in the pulling direction (P) to a desired length;

15 severing the leading portion against the cutting edge;
wrapping the item with the severed portion.

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